



Connecticut State Medical Society Testimony in Support of
House Bill 6389 An Act Concerning Prescription Drug Monitoring.
Public Health Committee
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Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson and Members of the Public Health Committee, on behalf of the almost 7,000 physicians and physicians in training of the Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony to you today in support of House Bill 6389 An Act Concerning Prescription Drug Monitoring. This legislation would require practitioners with prescriptive authority to register for the state's prescription monitoring program when obtaining a certificate of registration to prescribe controlled substances, from the Commissioner of Consumer Protection

CSMS strongly supported the establishment of the State's Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System (PMRP). Furthermore, in addition to working closely with the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) during its development and implementation, CSMS has continued to work with and communicate regularly with DCP to promote its use. In addition, CSMS has had for decades, a committee that develops information, education and tools and resources for physicians associated with controlled substances and their use and abuse.

CSMS supports the requirement that physicians register for the program when obtaining or renewing their Connecticut medical license if it was available tied to license renewal. This would provide a system in which all physicians receive important educational information and updates about the system and its intended use.

CSMS and our members offer our continued assistance to ensure the successful use of the PMRP and to identify and reduce the misuse of controlled substance through aggressive education and information. Requiring registration as included in HB 6389 is a step to help us achieve our mutual goals.

Please support HB 6389